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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>P 2866/PCT</b>	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. <b>PCT/EP02/09895</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>04/09/2002</b>	Priority date (day/month/year) <b>04/09/2002</b>
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC <b>C08F6/00</b>		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

I  Basis of the report

II  Priority

III  Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

IV  Lack of unity of invention

V  Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

VI  Certain documents cited

VII  Certain defects in the international application

VIII  Certain observations on the international application

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY  
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International application No. PCT/EP02/09895

**I. Basis of the report**

The basis of this international preliminary examination is the application as originally filed.

**V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability**

In light of the documents cited in the international search report, it is considered that the invention as defined in the claims meets the criteria mentioned in Article 33 (1) PCT, i.e. it appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable.

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No  
PCT/EP 02/09895A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5 668 252 A (T. YOKOI) 16 September 1997 (1997-09-16) ---	
A	US 3 634 944 A (M. ZONIS) 18 January 1972 (1972-01-18) -----	

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